



Alberto Bareiro and Carlos Baris Paris from Paraguay, South America share their skills with Canadian campers at the York Region Family Y Whitechurch Day Camp. The two

young men are exchange students through YMCA International working in our camp for one month.

(Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

South American students share their skills with us

Differences between a YMCA camp in Southern Ontario and one in Paraguay, South America, are not as significant as one would first imagine.

Alberto Bareiro, 16, and Carlos Baris Paris, 17, of San Lorenzo, Paraguay, are two YMCA international camp exchange students working at the York Region Family Y Whitechurch Day Camp.

Although they notice many differences in climate, culture and social attitudes — camp activities are similar.

The principle language in Paraguay is Spanish, but both students do speak English and find no problem communicating with their six and nine year old charges.

At camp, one difference Alberto and Carlos noticed immediately, was the fact they feel the children have no imagination.

"They watch too much TV," speculated Alberto. "They know all about other things — just TV," he added.

In Paraguay most families have televisions, but children do not watch as much as they do here, said Alberto.

Carlos suggested the reason might be because in North America, mothers need to work, but

in Paraguay, mothers are at home with children, taking time to play, sing songs and do crafts with their children.

The two also noticed that here boys and girls their own age think it is wrong to be with their mom and dad.

In Paraguay whole families (aunts, uncles and grandparents) get together often.

"I miss my family — they miss me — families are very close and very strong," said Carlos. "I don't think families are so close here."

Compulsory military service for three summers is a part of life for 18-year-old boys in Paraguay.

Both boys felt this was a good idea helping the process of maturing by strict discipline and responsibility.

They said they were surprised to find kids their age working on summer vacation, to make money.

At home, they said, school vacation is time

for holidays, swimming, camping, and doing volunteer work if not in the military service.

One other sad comment on our North American society is the fact both boys mentioned they were surprised by the amount of drinking and smoking of marijuana they had seen in Toronto and Richmond Hill.

In Paraguay these two items are available but

not at all popular, said Carlos.

Alberto and Carlos both plan to go on to university in Paraguay where university education is subsidized by the government.

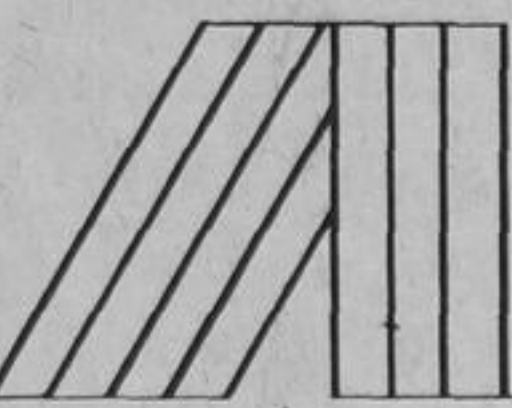
Alberto plans to go to medical school and specialize in Pediatrics, while Carlos proposes to become an architect.

The boys will return to Paraguay today.

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Man still unconscious following collision

A motor vehicle collision on Yonge Street south of Oak Ridges ten days ago has resulted in serious injuries to a Richmond Hill man.

Peter Nixon, 25, of Palmer Avenue, was driving his pick-up truck northbound on Yonge Street around the curve at Bond Lake, when the vehicle swerved into southbound traffic.

The truck collided head on with a 1972 Buick station wagon driven by Richard Barker of Beaverton Road, Richmond Hill.

Upon impact, the Nixon vehicle became airborne, flipped over in the air and came to rest right side up, where it collided head on with the vehicle driven by George Milnes of Toronto.

Mr. Nixon was rushed to York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, suffering serious head and internal injuries. He was transferred to the trauma unit

at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Richard Barker was treated at York Central Hospital for serious cuts and later released.

Mr. Milnes and his wife, Eleanor, were checked at

York Central Hospital for cuts and bruises and unconscious in Sun-

While Mr. Nixon is still released and their nybrook Hospital, his granddaughter was not condition is described as injured in the collision. stable.

CIVIC CORNER

The following meetings of Civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:

Wednesday, August 1, — By-Laws, Procedure, Fire and Personnel Committee Meeting, Committee Room "B", 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 2, — Engineering Committee meeting, Commissioner of Works Office, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 2, — Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, Council Chambers, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7, — Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 7:45 p.m.

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